**Romeo and Juliet: Act 1**

**Year 5 and Year 6**

**Grammar Exercise: Passive Verbs**

**You use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence:** when the subject of a sentence isn't doing something, the verb is passive.

**Subject Person or thing that does the action**

**Object Person or things that the action is done to**

**Verb An action, or state of being**

When the subject of the sentence is performing the action a sentence is written in **active** voice.

When the subject of a sentence has something done to it by someone or something the sentence is written in the **passive** voice.

For example;

Benvolio shouted at everyone to stop fighting! **ACTIVE**

(subject)   (verb)      (object)

Everyone was shouted at by Benvolio to stop fighting! **PASSIVE**

 (object)      (verb). (subject)

Useful video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zsx2b82>

**Exercise 1. Read each sentence.**

**Write next to it whether it is Passive or Active**

1. Benvolio was persuaded to go to the ball by Romeo. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Romeo persuaded Benvolio to go the ball. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The fight was started by The Capulets. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The Capulets started the fight. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Prince Escalus stopped the fighting in the street. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. The fighting in the street was stopped by Prince Escalus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Benvolio told Lord and Lady Capulet that Romeo was in love with Rosalind.

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1. Lord and Lady Capulet were told by Benvolio that Romeo was in love with Rosalind.

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1. Invitations to the Capulet ball were given out by a messenger.

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1. A messenger gave out invitations to the Capulet ball. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Lord Capulet suggests that Paris tries to woo Juliet at the ball.

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1. It is suggested by Lord Capulet that Paris should try and woo Juliet at the ball.

**Exercise 2:Re write each sentence in the passive voice**

1. Prince Escalus tells the Montagues and Capulets that they will be punished if they fight in the streets again.

If the Montagues and Capulets fight in the streets they will be punished by Prince Escalus.

1. Romeo wears a mask to the Capulet ball.

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1. Tybalt hears Romeo’s voice and recognises him to be a Montague.

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1. The Montagues hate the Capulets.

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1. Romeo looks for Juliet.

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1. Juliet kisses Romeo.

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